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Hey Vancouver, a little help on Airbnb bylaws

REGULATIONS

Experts say we could look elsewhere for ban blueprint

May Warren
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Vancouver's quest to regulate sites like Airbnb could serve as a blueprint for Toronto as the city grapples with the effects of short-term rentals on the housing market, experts say.

The West Coast city is proposing bylaws that would ban so-called ghost hotels — short-term rentals that people aren't living in — and require business licences for anyone using Airbnb.

Vacancy rates in Vancouver are at historic lows, and the move is an attempt to bring 1,000 rental units back onto the market, Mayor Gregor Robertson told reporters Wednesday.

Thorben Wieditz, a researcher with Unite Here Local 75, which represents hospitality workers, applauded Vancouver's proposal as a "great first step."

Combined with their new vacancy tax, Wieditz said Vancouver is "leading the charge" on making sure that rental units are not taken off the market for short-term stays.

Toronto, on the other hand is lagging behind not only Vancouver but also other cities across North America, he said.

A report on the topic goes to Toronto's executive committee next month, but it's not expected contain any regulatory suggestions.

Mayor John Tory's office said the mayor "understands the growing importance of the issue in Toronto." However, Tory has not said when a policy could be implemented, or if he even supports regulating sites like Airbnb.

In the interim, there are concerns short-term rentals are having an adverse effect on tenants and those in search of a place to rent.

Metro recently wrote about a Toronto man fighting eviction because he believes the landlord intends to turn his apartment into an Airbnb listing.

Geordie Dent with the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations, said his organization receives a number of calls every week from people concerned they're going to lose their home so it can be turned into a more profitable short-term listing.

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Cyndi Lauper speaks out against Montreal's pit bull ban, calling it an unjust bylaw.

Coyotes to return to wild

WILDLIFE

Pups rescued after father shot, wounded by police in July

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The Toronto Wildlife Centre has rehabilitated four coyote pups after their father was shot by police in July. The plan is for the juvenile coyotes to be released back into the wild soon. ANN BROKELMAN/COURTESY TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE

Four coyote pups whose father was shot by police in Scarborough may soon return to the wild.

The pups were brought to the Toronto Wildlife Centre and treated for mange, a common skin disease. They've since been moved to a fenced-in forest area north of Toronto.

The relocation is the first step towards returning the animals to the wild, said Toronto Wildlife Centre executive director Nathalie Karvonen.

She hopes that the pups can be released in the next few weeks.

"They need to kind of show us that they're acting like strong, normal young-adult coyotes," she said.

"At this time of the year there's always that balancing act between wanting to make sure they're as ready as possible but still wanting to give them a decent amount of time before it gets too cold outside."

The centre is still looking for the pups' father, as well as a sibling still at large. Both are believed to be suffering from mange.

Karvonen said the centre has received sporadic reports of sightings, but has been unable to locate the animals.

"Dad is super wary now; I would be too if I was shot by people," she said.

Police shot the adult coyote in late July after it was seen wandering around a residential neighbourhood.

The coyote was wounded, but survived.

The shooting prompted the Toronto Wildlife Centre to call for a review of how police respond to animal calls.

Anyone who sees the coyotes is encouraged to call the wildlife centre hotline at (416)-631-0662.

BAY ST.

Glass falls again at Sick Kids

Glass fell from the Sick Kids Centre for Research and Learning for the second day in a row on Thursday morning.

Bay Street was closed between Elm and Walton around 5:30 a.m. when the glass fell from a window on the fifth floor of the building. Cpt. David Eckerman from Toronto Fire Services said that it fell from about 50 feet up.

The road was closed for nearly two hours, causing traffic and TTC routes to divert as police investigated and cleaned up the scene. Falling glass is a frequent issue in the downtown core.

It was the subject of two $20-million class-action lawsuits in 2012, when shattered glass incidents prompted developers at Murano Towers on Grosvenor St. and Festival Tower on John St. to seal residents' balconies.

The lawsuits alleged that builders were negligent in the installation and manufacturing of the glass panelling. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Sick Kids Research Centre.
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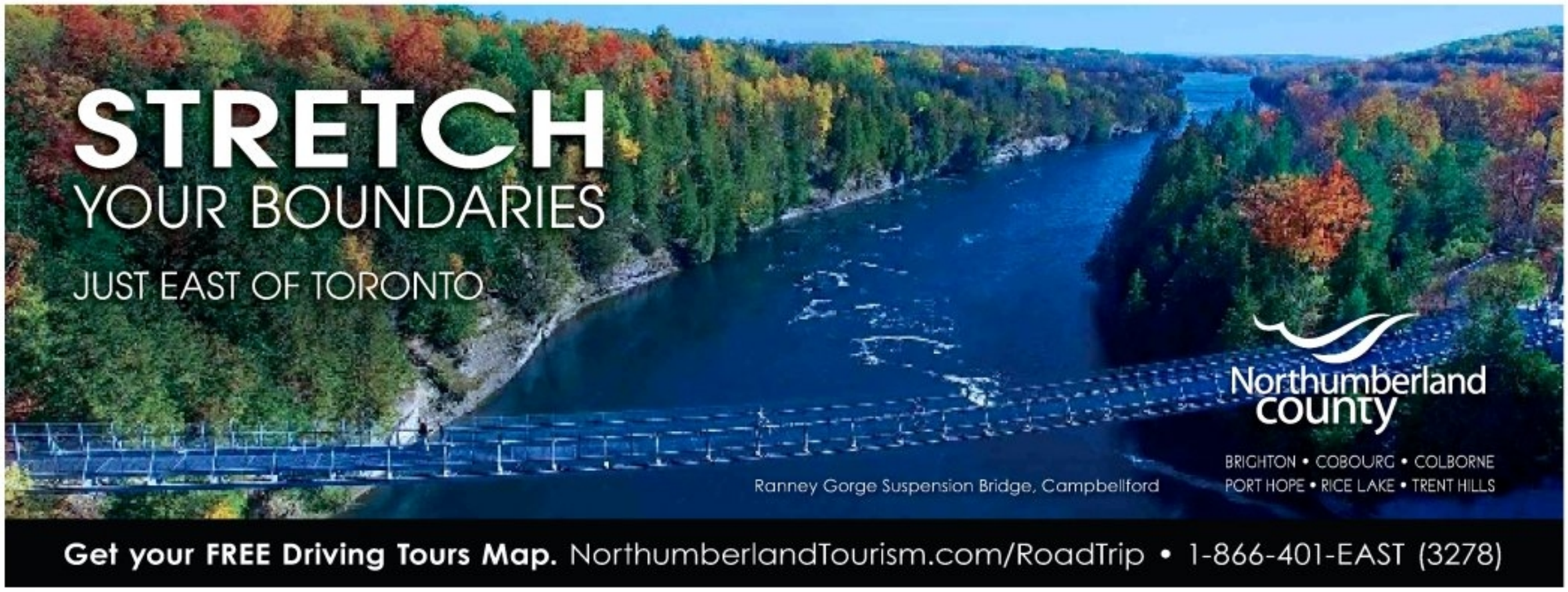

METRO ASKS

How can the city solve its housing crisis?

Toronto is in trouble when it comes to housing, say experts concerned about ballooning social housing waitlists and a lack of affordable homes. The city's 10-year goal of creating 10,000 affordable rental units and 3,000 affordable homes by 2020 is cause for worry, they say, because by the end of last year, Toronto wasn't even halfway to reaching either target.

To figure out how the city could do better, politicians, experts and concerned citizens will gather in Regent Park at the Toronto Housing Summit on Friday. Ahead of the summit, Metro asked experts from Toronto and across Canada what can be done to solve the city's housing crisis. Here's what they said:

TARA DESCHAMPS FOR METRO

Coun. Bailão can sum up one of the most helpful housing solutions in two words: 'more land.' Already, she says, the city has found 15 sites valued at over $100 million. **'All governments have land, all governments could come in. We need the province and the feds to do what we've just done.'**

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Ana Bailão, Ward 18 city councillor

Land-use restrictions need to be updated so more housing can be built, says Richard Florida. **'It's time for Toronto to get rid of the NIMBYism that oppose the density our city needs and locks us into the past.'**

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Richard Florida, director of cities at U of T's Rotman School of Management

A national program aimed at building student, low-income and seniors housing can help the crisis Toronto is facing as long as it's started now and doesn't come with delays in getting funding, says Cathy Crowe. **'It comes back to show me the money. The city can't do much without money.'**

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Cathy Crowe, nurse and visiting professor at Ryerson's department of politics

Dr. Hwang thinks developers should be required to make a percentage of the units they build affordable. **'We need a system in which developers making enormous profits also create affordable housing and we need targeted rent supplements and support for people with higher needs.'**

CONTRIBUTED

Dr. Stephen Hwang, St. Michael's Hospital

'We need strategies for affordability in the broadest sense, including purpose-built rental housing, broad living costs including transportation and even the protection of job space for diverse jobs.'

CONTRIBUTED

Brent Toderian, Ex-Vancouver chief planner; city planner at Toderian UrbanWorks

'We need new developments to be planned in a way that addresses the needs of lower-income households, including public transit, services, recreational spaces, and amenities to meet the needs of residents across the lifespan from infancy to old age.'

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Emily Paradis, Neighbourhood Change Research Partnership at the University of Toronto

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5 THINGS TO SEE AT THIS YEAR'S NUIT BLANCHE

The 2016 edition features 90 different contemporary art installations across the city. It runs from sunset Saturday to sunrise Saturday, and the TTC is running all night.

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Nuit Blanche can sometimes take on a night-club-sponsored-by-a-bank vibe, with more bright lights and dried ice than thoughtful art. Art can inspire, change minds and solve problems as well as delight.

As Nuit Blanche sloughs off its big corporate sponsor and gets a little smaller this year, there's a chance for the art to embrace a more grassroots spirit and take the measure of our city from street level.

From fixing bikes to celebrating disappearing mom and pop shops, maybe it's time to revisit the festival as a way to embrace — and discover — the local.

With that in mind, Metro's creative director, Jason Logan, has picked five of his favourite installations at this year's festival.

1 Literature vs. Traffic (60 Queen St. West)

Spanish art collective Luzinterruptus is bringing a sea of books to the street outside Old City Hall in a celebration of the printed word and a commentary about reclaiming our streets: "donated books will become the conqueror of public space with traffic yielding to the modest power of the written words," reads the official Nuit Blanche description. If you show up late enough, you can even take one of the books home.

2 Electrosmog Toronto (235 Queens Quay West)

Using "projectors, lasers, computers, antennas and receivers," Montreal artist Jean-Pierre Aubé will bring to life the electronic signals coursing through Toronto's sky. You'll never look at your cellphone the same way again.

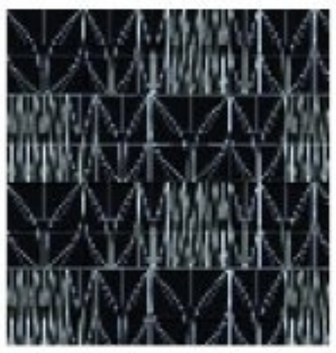
4 Bike Date (273 Bloor St. West)

Consisting of a bike trailer with two seats and some speakers, Laura Curry's Bike Date offers a chance for viewers to engage in conversation with the artist, and have it broadcast to a wider audience. Curry will even repair your bike while you chat.

3 The Guardians (Bay and Temperance streets)

Vladimir Antaki's Guardians project is a series of photographs documenting "mom and pop shops" around the world. Montreal-based Antaki describes the eccentric shops as "urban temples."

5 Urban Syncopation (111 Queen's Park)



A temporary sculpture billed as "living thickened topography," this piece tracks sound levels in real time along popular streets and recasts them into a pulsing light show.

READER RESPONSE

One more chance for the #MetroArtsChallenge: Vertical poetry

Genna Buck
Metro Canada

It's poetry with a 3D twist.

We need more entries for our Metro Arts Challenge this week. Here's your task: Stack books (they don't have to be yours!) and arrange them, spines out, so the titles tell us something about you. Then send us a picture of your book tower — the more books, the better!

The idea is to make the titles make sense in a certain order, and, together, create a little poem or tell a short story. The only other requirement: your creation must be autobiographical in some way.

Get creative, and don't be afraid to (politely) take advantage of a book store or library. Here are a few examples to get you started. We'll print some of the best reader art in a future Metro. As always, kids' work is more than welcome.

Send your masterpieces to genna.buck@metronews.ca, or tweet @MetroNewsCanada. Happy stacking!

An ideal vertical poem we found online.
100SCOPENOTES.COM

Reader Syeda told part of her life story with these books.
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Two Metro original vertical poems.
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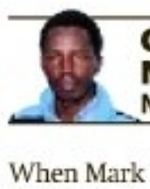
ENGAGEMENT

Laneway art is a call to action on underused public space



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

When Mark Francis illuminates the laneway on Kensington Avenue as part of this weekend's Nuit Blanche, he'll be sending out a message: Toronto needs to up its laneway game.

"This is such a vast, untapped special resource in our city," said Francis, the architect and installation artist whose works in drawing, photography and sculpture focus on public space.

Toronto has seen a surge of interest in making laneways more lively, with projects such as Reggae Lane and O'Keefe Lane revitalizing the Eglinton West neighbourhood and Ryerson campus, respectively.

Whether it's inside a residential, industrial or commercial neighbourhood, the tight and walkable networks between houses and buildings have the capacity to "maintain a sense of community" if they're well used, Francis said.

As the city continues to grow vertically, planners and artists have to find a way to maintain residents' engagement with the scarce public space, he said.

Melbourne, for example, is one of the modern cities that have turned all downtown laneways into public spaces full of cafés, murals and interactive arts.

"We totally have the same potential here in Toronto," said Francis, noting more activities in laneways would lead to the city becoming less car-centric.

"It's just a matter of being more liberating. We need to use every square inch of space available."

Mark Francis' Laneway Canopy for Nuit Blanche will illuminate a side street in Kensington Market.
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SIMPLICITY BY DESIGN

Japanese retailer Uniqlo lands in Canada, but does the clothing giant's claim of not being 'fast fashion' hold up?

ANALYSIS

Nichole Jankowski
For Metro | Toronto

"Uniqlo is not a fast fashion brand," repeats Tadashi Yanai, founder and CEO of Uniqlo's parent company Fast Retailing, through an interpreter. Seated on a couch inside a seventh floor room at the Shangri-La Hotel, Yanai is in Toronto for the Japanese retail chain's first foray into the Canadian marketplace with the opening of its Eaton Centre location Friday.

"We are all about selling LifeWear," continues Yanai, who remains the richest man in Japan despite a $4.8 billion dip in his fortune last year, according to Forbes Magazine. "It is quite the opposite of fast fashion: basic, authentic."

LifeWear is described in company material as "apparel that comes from our Japanese values of simplicity, quality and longevity." It is a guiding philosophy rather than a discrete line or capsule collection.

Japanese clothing brand Uniqlo is opening its flagship Canadian store at Eaton Centre Friday. COURTESY RYAN EMBERLEY

Sandwiched between Nordstrom and H&M, the company's success could hinge on distinguishing itself from its neighbours, including Old Navy and other Japanese import MUJI.

But is Uniqlo really that different?

Its resistance to the "fast fashion" label has as much to do with production cycles as it does with esthetic. Uniqlo gets its inspiration from the cultural zeitgeist rather than the runway and the brand is known more for collaborating with designers rather than ripping them off.

But the clothing giant produces approximately 1.3 billion garments each year, and as Yanai likes to point out: when Australian golfer and Uniqlo brand ambassador Adam Scott won the Masters Tournament in 2013, he was wearing a $19 polo.

So while Uniqlo insists "we're not here to make disposable clothing," the price points reflect another reality.

Uniqlo's arrival in Canada comes at a time when more Canadians than ever are questioning the impacts of fast fashion. While Canada does not keep stats for clothing that ends up in landfills, we exported 111,745 tons of second-hand clothing in 2015, the majority of which ended up in Africa.

In fact, so much used clothing is landing in Africa — including some inevitably bearing the Uniqlo logo — that some African countries are considering a ban on second-hand imports.

Perhaps "basic, authentic" doesn't sell as well there.

HAUTE COUTURE

Sales explode in wake of 'Kate effect'

Bojana Sentaler is quickly learning just what it means to feel the full force of the "Kate effect."

Barely 24 hours after the Duchess of Cambridge appeared in a coat by the Toronto-based fashion designer, the grey alpaca garment and many others from the Sentaler brand sold out online, with orders coming in from around the world.

"It was incredible," said the 31-year-old Sentaler, whose eponymous brand features luxury outerwear. "The Kate effect, for my brand, was an instant brand awareness around the entire world."

Kate and Prince William, along with their two young children, are currently on a week-long visit to British Columbia and Yukon. The outfits worn by the duchess have been closely tracked by royal watchers and fashion enthusiasts.

With her brand now being mentioned in global reports about the fashion choices of the duchess, Sentaler hopes the recognition that comes with the Kate effect will help her brand as it tries to expand in international markets.

The Duchess wears her Sentaler coat on Wednesday in Yukon. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Yvonne Niwahereza Jele, 29, is scheduled to be deported to Uganda. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gay refugee denied stay

IMMIGRATION

LGBTQ asylum seekers face additional challenges

Five weeks after her asylum claim was denied, Yvonne Niwahereza Jele says, she got a text from an angry uncle in Uganda who had learned — from a local newspaper — that she is gay and wanted by police.

That news story — an item about her in the July 17 edition of the Ugandan tabloid hello!, under the headline "City Socialite Hunted Over Lesbo Links" — came too late for the asylum seeker.

Now in Toronto, Jele, 29, believes the article may be the best proof she has to support her claim that she had been jailed, tortured and persecuted in Uganda for being gay.

But she can't introduce that new evidence. Under changes to immigration rules made by the former Conservative government, she isn't eligible to appeal the refugee board's decision.

Immigration Minister John McCallum is the only person who can grant her a reprieve from being sent back to Uganda, a country where homosexuality is outlawed and punishable by life in prison, according to the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. Border enforcement officials this week denied her request to defer her deportation, scheduled for Saturday.

A judicial review application with the Federal Court of Canada on the refugee board's decision is pending. Even if the court hears the case, it can only review the decision on its legal merits — and not on new evidence such as the news article that outed Jele.

"Please give me protection," Jele pleaded in an interview with Torstar News Service. "I have nowhere to go. People saw me in the paper. They are going to kill me. I just want a chance to live an ordinary life and have some freedom."

> **LGBTQ claimants are an invisible minority.**
> Michael Battista

Proving one's sexual orientation to a refugee judge remains a challenge for such claimants, said immigration lawyer Michael Battista.

"The verification of someone's sexual orientation and identity is so critical to their claims. Their cases stand or fall based on the decision-makers' belief in their membership of the community," said Battista, who has represented thousands of gay and lesbian refugees in his 25-year career.

"Unlike claimants on other grounds such as race, religion and political (affiliation), LGBTQ claimants have no membership card or physical appearance to prove (their sexual orientation). They are an invisible minority."

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SYRIA

Protest planned on behalf of Syrian city

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Amir Aboguddah worries that soon, there will be practically nothing left of Aleppo.

One of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world, Aleppo was once a cultural capital in Syria, full of history, monuments and a diversity of people.

Now, the city is under heavy aerial bombardment from the Russian army as they fight rebels opposed to the government of Bashar Assad. Thousands have died and many more have been displaced since the uprising started in 2011.

Aboguddah, 22, will be among Syrians and their friends staging a protest Saturday at 1 p.m. in front of the Russian consulate in Toronto. The event is called Global Day of Rage for Aleppo.

"What is happening in Aleppo is a shame to all humanity," said the U of T law student. "There's a huge number of children and civilians being killed every day, and this cannot go on without anyone opposing it publicly."

The Russian army broke a ceasefire deal last week, unleashing a fresh wave of bombing on Aleppo. According to the UNICEF, at least 96 children have been killed and over 220 injured in the city since Friday.

The U.S. government has since warned it would end talks on military co-operation if Moscow doesn't stop the bombings.

Amir Aboguddah will be among protesters Saturday. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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New ideas to help refugees

GOVERNMENT

Syrians face barriers to finding jobs in communities

With more than 30,000 Syrian refugees facing serious barriers to employment and integration in Canada, the federal government is searching for fresh ideas to help newcomers join their communities and the labour force.

Documents posted by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Thursday show the department is planning to spend as much as $250,000 for new studies on how best to integrate Syrian refugees into their new community.

"It is well documented that newcomers face a number of barriers in finding employment that is commensurate with their skills and experience. Refugees, in particular, may have more difficulty integrating into the Canadian labour market when compared to other categories of immigrants," the documents read.

Canada had accepted 30,000 Syrian refugees by the end of July.

While the Liberal government received praise for rapidly bringing in more refugees, there is growing concern that providing services and support for newcomers will be as big a logistical challenge.

In the documents released Thursday, the department acknowledged some of those concerns, particularly around supporting Syrian youth.

Those youth will be specifically targeted for new programs, with the government looking at how best to integrate children into a new school environment, or even a mobile app to advertise services and resources.

The documents suggest that the government also wants to address social integration into Canada. One study will look into how best to broach discussions with Syrian families on issues like domestic violence, gender equality, and LGBTQ rights.

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Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge and Prince William, Duke of Cambridge with their children, Charlotte and George, at a children's party in Victoria, B.C. GETTY IMAGES

Princess Charlotte, 16 months old and ambling like a toddler, loved the colourful balloons. GETTY IMAGES

VICTORIA, B.C.

Royal toddlers steal the show at kids' party

It was bunnies, bubbles and balloons at a garden party Thursday in Victoria where Prince George and Princess Charlotte made their second public appearance during the royal tour of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Princess Charlotte, 16 months old and ambling like a toddler, bee-lined for some colourful balloons before climbing into her mother's arms to spend time in a petting zoo with goats, rabbits, sheep and miniature horses.

The princess also uttered her first word in public, according to media reports. 'Pop,' she reportedly said to her dad William while playing with balloons.

Prince George, 3, dressed in red shorts and a blue sweater, held his father's hand, but towed his dad towards a bubble-making display where it didn't take him long to get hold of a squirt gun and start blasting out bubbles.

The royal play date was held in a secluded, tree-sheltered green space at Victoria's Government House, where the duke and duchess and their children have been staying on their week-long visit to B.C. and the Yukon. Musicians, puppeteers and entertainers sporting brightly-coloured costumes wandered the grounds.

The party with the royals was held for the children and families of military service members who have experienced deployment.

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Prince George of Cambridge plays with bubbles.
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Government working to protect cyclists

The federal government is taking a fresh look at how to protect cyclists on Canada's roadways after recent high-profile cases where cyclists were killed on city streets.

Federal, provincial and territorial ministers in charge of transportation have agreed to set up a national task force on vulnerable road users, such as cyclists and pedestrians, to come up with ways to reduce injuries and fatalities.

The task force, established through the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, will explore the use of cameras, sensor systems and side guards, as well as educational safety and awareness programs.

The idea wasn't on the agenda when federal Transport Minister Marc Garneau met his counterparts Wednesday, but he raised the issue after Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson and Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre separately wrote to address a growing concern on their streets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Spending hits highest mark in at least six years

Federal spending under the Liberal government kicked off the fiscal year by hitting its highest mark in at least six years, a parliamentary budget officer's report said Thursday. Jean-Denis Frechette found that expenditures under the Trudeau government were 5.7 per cent higher — nearly $3.4 billion — in the first quarter of 2016-17, compared with the previous year.

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Chaos in Hoboken

CRASH

One person succumbed to injuries; 74 hospitalized

A rush hour commuter train crashed through a barrier at the busy Hoboken station and lurched across the waiting area Thursday morning, killing one person and injuring more than 100 others in a grisly wreck that renewed questions about whether long-delayed automated safety technology could have prevented tragedy.

People pulled chunks of concrete off pinned and bleeding victims, passengers kicked out windows and crawled to safety and cries and screams could be heard in the wreckage as emergency workers rushed to reach the injured in the tangle of twisted metal and dangling wires just across the Hudson River from New York City.

The New Jersey Transit train ran off the end of the track as it was pulling in around 8:45 a.m., smashing through a concrete-and-steel bumper. As it ground to a halt in the waiting area, it knocked out pillars, collapsing a section of the roof.

People are treated for injuries after a train crashed on Thursday in Hoboken, New Jersey. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

"The train didn't stop. It just didn't stop," said Tom Spina, who was in the terminal and rushed to try to help the victims.

Ross Bauer was sitting in the third or fourth car when the train entered the historic 109-year-old station, a bustling hub for commuters heading to New York.

"All of a sudden, there was an abrupt stop and a big jolt that threw people out of their seats. The lights went out, and we heard a loud crashing noise like an explosion" as the roof fell, he said. "I heard panicked screams, and everyone was stunned."

The engineer, Thomas Gallagher, was pulled from the mangled first car and was hospitalized, but officials said he had been released by evening. He was cooperating with investigators, Gov. Chris Christie said.

Fabiola Bittar de Kroon was killed in the crash. LINKEDIN

A woman standing on the train platform — Fabiola Bittar de Kroon, 34, of Hoboken — was killed by debris, and 108 others were injured, mostly on the train, Christie said. Scores were hospitalized, some with serious injuries including broken bones.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said investigators will determine whether the explanation was equipment failure, an incapacitated engineer or something else.

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POLICE

Mom of slain man calling for peace

The mother of an unarmed black man shot to death in a confrontation with police in a San Diego suburb this week called for peaceful protests Thursday and said her son did not deserve to die.

Alfred Olango "was a good, lovely young man," said the mother, Pamela Benge. "I wanted him to enjoy his daughter."

She said she and her family came to the U.S. from war-torn Uganda 25 years ago when Olango was a teen and just wanted to be safe.

"How painful it is to lose a loved one that you have embraced through struggling," Benge told reporters.

Alfred Olango

She mentioned similar shootings of black men around the country by police officers but said she never thought one of the shootings would directly affect her, calling on people who protest her son's killing to embrace non-violence.

"I am always for peace, I don't want war," she said.

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IN BRIEF

Mayor asked to resign after racist Facebook posts

The mayor of a small central Pennsylvania town is being asked to resign over racist posts on his Facebook page, including two depicting apes with captions referring to U.S. President Barack Obama and his family, and one referring to lynching.

One image from June on the Facebook page of West York Mayor Charles Wasko is of a wagon or wheelbarrow full of orangutans, including the caption, "Aww ... moving day at the Whitehouse has finally arrived." The wheelbarrow has the slogan "Kenya or bust" on it.

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Syrian city descending into 'merciless abyss'

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

UN report says people trapped in sieges have nearly doubled

Syrian government forces continued their push into rebel-held districts of Aleppo on Thursday as international officials issued dire warnings of an ongoing humanitarian disaster in Syria's largest city.

The UN's humanitarian chief Stephen O'Brien told the Security Council that the conditions in eastern Aleppo, which is besieged and assaulted by all sides by government forces, had descended into the "merciless abyss of humanitarian catastrophe."

Speaking to the Security Council via video link from Geneva, O'Brien painted a grim picture of the conditions in the war-wracked eastern part of the city, where at least 320 civilians including 100 children have been killed in the past week. An additional 765 have been wounded.

O'Brien's report noted that the UN now calculates that 861,200 Syrians are trapped in sieges — a nearly 50 per cent increase from the last estimate of 586,200. The new figure reflects the government's protracted blockade around eastern Aleppo, where an estimated 250,000 people or more live.

Most of the besieged citizens, divided across at least 18 locations around the country, are trapped by government forces, and international observers are beginning to accuse both Damascus and its close ally Moscow of war crimes.

In Aleppo, rescue crews were working for the third straight day to clear the rubble and search for survivors of presumed Russian or Syrian government airstrikes on the eastern al-Shaar and al-Mashhad neighbourhoods.

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A grief-stricken Syrian man is comforted by people as rescuers pull the body of his daughter from the rubble of a building following air strikes in Aleppo on Tuesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

ISRAEL

PM leads delegation to funeral for Peres

A Canadian delegation headed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has arrived in Israel for the state funeral of Shimon Peres, the former Israeli president and prime minister.

Trudeau was joined by former prime minister Jean Chrétien, Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion and interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose.

Also in tow was Rafael Barak, Israel's ambassador to Canada, and representatives of Canadian advocacy groups such as the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, B'Nai Brith Canada and the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee.

The Canadian delegation arrived in Israel early Friday for the funeral of Peres, who died Wednesday at age 93.

They were expected to be joined for the service in Jerusalem later Friday by former prime minister Stephen Harper, who opted for a commercial flight instead of travelling with Trudeau's delegation.

Other world figures planning to attend include U.S. President Barack Obama, former U.S. president Bill Clinton, Prince Charles and the presidents of France, Germany and Poland.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair was also invited, but declined due to a family commitment.

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Members of the Knesset guard carry the coffin of former Israeli President Shimon Peres at the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, in Jerusalem, Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE GTA IS GROWING UP AND NOT OUT

The world's biggest oil producers have agreed they need to reduce production to boost crude oil prices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Oil pact greeted with skepticism

ENERGY

Producers still need to agree on how much each one cuts

Canada will certainly benefit if the world's biggest oil producing countries move to restrict production, but skepticism exists on whether they will follow through on their promises.

"Assuming they stick to it, and that's a big if, it should support oil prices," said Benjamin Reitzes, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. "The competition producing a little less is always good."

But many analysts noted that the deal by the 14-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Algeria on Wednesday was merely an agreement to look at possibly cutting production to between 32.5 million and 33 million barrels a day.

That would be down from August's production rate of 33.2 million barrels a day — but it would shave only 700,000 barrels a day, some two per cent of overall production.

Crude oil was selling for more than $100 US a barrel in the summer of 2014, before bottoming out below $30 US a barrel in January. That fall largely came from a boom in U.S. shale oil production and countries like Saudi Arabia choosing to continue to pump to hold onto market share.

$100

The price of a barrel of crude oil in the summer of 2014, before it bottomed out below $30 this January.

Few in Alberta are celebrating OPEC's surprise move. That's because the members still need to hammer out details on country by country production rates at its November meeting, so any production cut won't be implemented until late this year at the earliest.

Reitzes said any rise in oil prices will help Canada, but he cautioned that if oil prices rise above $50 US a barrel, then U.S. shale producers might ramp up their production, adding to supply. By contrast, Canadian oil sands companies face much higher costs to get oil out of the ground to be profitable.

Colin Cieszynski, chief market strategist at CMC Markets, said there is skepticism about whether OPEC members will hold to a commitment.

It has been eight years since the countries restricted production — and it looks like they are moving toward being on the same page, he said.

"But even if they get an agreement, often times, producers cheat," Cieszynski said. "It's a first stage. It's the beginning of a process, not the end."

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Samsung washers draw a safety alert

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is advising people who bought certain Samsung washing machines to only use the delicate cycle when washing bedding, water-resistant and bulky items because of concerns about injury or property damage.

On its website, Samsung says people can enter their 15-digit serial number located at the rear of the washer to verify whether their washing machine is part of the notice.

The agency says the lower spin cycle lessens the risk of injuries or property damage due to the top-load washers becoming dislodged.

The commission says the machines were made between March 2011 and April 2016.

It says it is working with Samsung to address the safety issues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AND TURN NIMBY TO YIMBY

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OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS ARE INTENSIFYING

NIMBYism 'not in my backyard' hurts all of us

As development intensifies in the Greater Toronto Area in accordance with provincial growth policy, developers seeking to build new housing are running into more and more opposition from residents in existing communities who like their neighbourhoods the way they are and don't want change.

These days "not in my backyard" opposition can be heard on everything from semi-detached houses in Burlington to townhouse developments in Barrie, Scarborough and midtown Toronto, to high-rise condo projects along key subway lines. But NIMBYism doesn't just impact developers, it also affects new home buyers.

"The growing chants of NIMBYism are contributing to the GTA's housing supply challenges," says Bryan Tuckey, president and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD).

"Disputes over projects result in delays and increased costs which are ultimately paid by the people buying the new homes."

> The growing chants of NIMBYism are contributing to the GTA's housing supply challenges.

A recent Fraser Institute study found that opposition from councils and community groups "substantially" reduces the building industry's ability to provide housing supply that responds to growing demand, which ultimately impacts prices. The study, the first of its kind in Canada, also reported that long and uncertain project-approval timelines can be "detrimental" to housing supply, and that increasing the length of approval timelines or their perceived uncertainty is sufficient to "completely mute the responsiveness of the housing supply to demand in desirable neighbourhoods."

"NIMBYism has always been there in varying degrees," says former City of Toronto chief planner Paul Bedford. "It's just way more intense now because of the rapid change that's taking place in Toronto and the rest of the GTA."

That rapid pace of change is the move to a more intensive pattern of development across the region.

"Development is highly regulated," says Tuckey. "Developers don't just build what they want, where and when we want to build it. Government policies and plans at multiple levels determine how land can be used and control where and how development occurs."

THE GROWTH PLAN

A decade ago the provincial government set out to change the nature of development in the GTA and move away from the largely sub-urban-oriented form of development that we had been following for many decades, he adds.

In 2005, the province established the Greenbelt and permanently protected 7,200 square kilometres or almost 2 million acres of significant farmland and green space from development. Then in 2006, the government of Ontario introduced the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe to manage growth in the region and guide development in the GTA and the area outside the Greenbelt.

The Growth Plan's aim is to achieve more intensification, to make development more compact and use less land to accommodate more people and jobs. Among the plan's series of policies and targets is the requirement for 40 per cent of all development to occur within already existing communities, explains Tuckey, adding that the province recently proposed increasing the requirement to 60 per cent.

"The Growth Plan mandates GTA municipalities and the industry to build up and not out," he says. "Ten years ago, most of the new homes built in the GTA were low-rise single family homes, but today we are building at least as many multi-family high-rise homes as ground-related homes."

New housing is necessary, he adds, because the GTA's population grows by about 100,000 new residents each year due to immigration and babies being born, "and simply put, everyone needs somewhere to live.

"The industry has risen to the challenge of intensification policies and has developed many innovative products so that consumers have a range of housing options. There are now many configurations of townhomes and stacked townhomes. We are building mid-rise as well as high-rise condo buildings and we are building them across the GTA," he adds.

THE NEED TO UNDERSTAND INTENSIFICATION

Unfortunately, not everyone is embracing denser development. "Much of the opposition to development in the GTA stems from the disconnect between the public policy and public perception," says Tuckey. "Provincial policy mandates intensified forms of development, but there is little public understanding of and even less support for intensification." He adds that "for years the industry has been asking the government to educate the public on how and why their neighbourhoods are changing, but we have yet to see anything."

"There's been a lot of change everywhere, more than there's ever been," says Bedford. "So frankly I'm not surprised by the pushback and strong reaction to intensification."

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Intensification is the GTA's new reality, and it's not going away. So residents face a fundamental choice, says Bedford: "They can either fight everything, or they can engage in a conversation with planners and developers about the kind of changes they'd like to see in their neighbourhood."

Most communities have a wish list, he says, whether it's widened sidewalks, more green space, affordable housing for all ages or new shops and services. "But people often aren't making the connection that the only way to get some of that is through redevelopment and intensification. That gives you the critical mass to be able to support all those things."

He points to Great Gulf's 18 Yorkville Ave project: Its development resulted in a new public square and funds to renovate the local library. "Redevelopment and intensification requires ongoing conversation and negotiation," says Bedford. It's not enough for communities simply to say no to evolution in their backyard. "Nobody would open up an RRSP with a certain mix of stocks in it, then forget about it for 30 years and never change a thing," he says. "Cities change, and it is essential to adjust to that ongoing reality."

"I'd much rather be in a vibrant city that has the challenge of how to best accommodate growth and change, versus a place that's shrinking and dying." People rightly want to know how growth can benefit both their local neighbourhood and the city as a whole. Developers and communities need to continually keep these perspectives in mind.

Tuckey says the building industry has become acutely attuned to the sensitivities surrounding new development in existing neighbourhoods, where residents may not welcome change.

"Good communication and information sharing are the keys to helping people properly respond to changes in their communities," he says. "Reaction to infill development can be intense and vocal. Our industry needs to engage local residents early on and work to create consultation processes that enable communities to better understand the goals and benefits of intensification and the specific projects."

WE ALL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER

The end goal is for stakeholders to engage in a collaborative process that results in a solution that benefits everyone. Says Tuckey, "We all need to work together."

Development can bring new life to established neighbourhoods, while providing new residents with places to live and home hunters a variety of product choices and price points, he says. Denser communities have the population to support additional amenities, shops and services. This uptick in business in turn creates jobs for locals, enabling residents to work closer to where they live. Residential and business growth subsequently increases the property tax base, generating additional funds to invest in parks, infrastructure and transit.

"New development can do a lot of good when it comes to creating complete communities where residents can live, work, play and shop," Tuckey says. "So we need to continue to emphasize all the compelling reasons for people to say, 'yes in my backyard.'"

To help raise public awareness of NIMBYism, BILD has created a short animated video called "NIMBY to YIMBY" that explains why our neighbourhoods in the GTA are changing and how we can all benefit from development. Check it out on thestar.com/bild or youtube.com/bildgta.

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TOGETHER WE CREATE BETTER DEVELOPMENT

With intensification now mandated across the GTA, the builders of new housing have had to increase their community engagement efforts.

In the decade since Ontario's Growth Plan was introduced, GTA developers have come to recognize the importance of consulting with neighbourhood stakeholders very early on to head off potential problems and achieve positive outcomes by working together to create developments that benefit all concerned.

"The planning process is really about managing change in a community that's ripe for redevelopment," says Rockport Group CEO Jack Winberg. "And the key to helping people properly respond to that change is communication and information."

Rockport's most recent project, Montgomery Square, is an example of this philosophy. The mixed-use development on Yonge Street just north of Eglinton Avenue is located on the site of a surplus post office sold to Rockport by Canada Post. Rockport engaged in early conversations with the community and came to learn that the limestone post office building was considered the neighbourhood's crown jewel. "We knew they wanted us to incorporate it," says Winberg, adding that doing so was not easy and had implications.

The property includes a parkette, which, combined with the post office building, occupies 40 per cent of the developable land. To make the development economically feasible, the residential tower would have to be a certain height and density, which Winberg's team made clear to five different ratepayer associations over a nearly three-month consultation period.

Frank Giannone at FRAM Building Group's Port Credit Village

"We brought them into the process and helped them understand our choices," he says. "And they all came back and said, 'We want you to save the building, and we want the parkette in front.'"

When Rockport moved ahead with the project—a 27-storey, 230-unit rental building with 20,000 square feet of retail space housed in the old post office—it had the full support of the community, which felt it had had meaningful input. "It was all about communication and making the effort to work with them," says Winberg.

Frank Giannone came to understand the benefits of community outreach over the two decades that his company, FRAM Building Group, has been developing Port Credit Village, near Lakeshore and Hurontario Rd. in Mississauga.

During the project's earlier phases, FRAM experienced opposition from ratepayer groups that disagreed over proposed density and building heights. Regatta, a six-storey building delivered in 2003, was only built after being green-lighted by the Ontario Municipal Board following a contentious appeal process.

Before FRAM went to work on the most recent phase, a 22-storey condo tower, it tried a different approach. The site had been approved for construction of a pair of 10-storey buildings, "but we felt there was a better solution," Giannone says—a single taller tower would occupy a smaller footprint. The builder launched a workshop series to share its vision for its plan. The approach worked, the community supported the plan and Mississauga council approved the tower.

As part of its community engagement efforts, FRAM shifted funds it had earmarked for advertising toward supporting events around Port Credit, including the waterfront festival, a jazz and blues festival and a local busker festival, plus movies and music in the village piazza it built in an earlier phase, which became its advertising program. "We helped make it an active, busy place for our purchasers and for the existing community," says Giannone. "With the community's support for the revised plan, FRAM funded the creation of a community foundation to carry on the local event support after the completion of the project. It was our gift back."

Community workshops have now become the standard for FRAM in Port Credit and at its other developments, including the condos FRAM has been building at CF Shops at Don Mills. "Working closely with the community helped us a lot there," says Giannone, who encourages ratepayer groups to be proactive, versus reactive, in dealing with development.

"Don't just oppose it," he says. "Control your destiny and influence things for the positive by being part of the solution."

DEVELOPMENT: WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU

Development can deliver a host of benefits for surrounding neighbourhoods, despite what NIMBYs might suggest.

New housing means more people moving into an existing area, giving it the population to support existing local shops and to attract new retailers and services. "That in turn populates the streets and makes them more interesting places to live," says Mark Conway, president of Barry Lyon Consultants, a real estate advisory firm. Additional retailers and customers means more eyes on the street, he adds, making a neighbourhood safer.

Applications for higher density development can trigger something called the Section 37 process, where density and height increases are granted in exchange for community improvements such as public art or new green space. Conway points to Mattamy Homes' Upper Summerside project at St Clair and Warden avenues, where development proceeds funded a new community centre "that may not have occurred otherwise."

TAS rendering of DUKE Condos which are currently under construction

TAS' new project in the Junction Triangle has been a boon for the surrounding community, and it hasn't even been built yet. Long before a formal development application was made, the builder spoke with community stakeholders and local councillors to gather ideas on how the area could be improved. Renovate the local library, TAS was told. The builder suggested including a new library, which it would build, at the base of its condo building. "We worked with the community to make that project come to life and to make a better library become a reality for them," says TAS president Mazyar Mortazavi.

As part of community engagement on another project — a seven-storey condo on Dundas St. W. called DUKE Condos — TAS funded the launch of a local flea market. "We gave it to the community to own," Mortazavi says. "It in turn has brought attention to the neighbourhood and supported the local businesses."

Walkable and transit-oriented communities that offer a range of retail and services are the most desirable to live in. "And these neighbourhoods are usually where the highest real estate values occur," Conway points out. People like the idea of not being bound by a car, made possible by intensification. "They want to be able to walk to get dinner or groceries — that's very high on people's buying selection criteria, and increasingly so."

Young educated workers typically want to be in city centres, and employers are following suit, Conway points out. "Creative industries want to be in close proximity to where the talent is," he says, citing Liberty Village as a prime example. "It's gone from a heavy-industry legacy to providing even more jobs on a per square foot basis in tech and other creative industries. It's a great success story."

Intensified communities also result in a more efficient use of resources, whether it's a transit line or infrastructure such as water and hydro. "These can be provided at a fraction of the cost in an intensified scenario compared to a low-density scenario," he adds.

Community members may bemoan the prospect of increased traffic resulting from new development. But Conway urges some perspective. "Traffic issues typically mean something's happening in that neighbourhood, that there's an economic vibrancy about it." And gridlock is easier to fix than economic malaise, he stresses. "I work in municipalities all over Canada that don't have growth and density and would kill to have the problems we have."

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News hook: Nearly 27,000-year-old fish hooks — the world's oldest — have been found in Okinawa, Japan

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A PORTABLE PATHOLOGIST ON MARS

It's 2039. You and your astronaut friends have come down with a mysterious sickness on Mars — high fever and a strange red rash. Sending samples all the way back to Earth for testing would take years. What microbe managed to hitch a ride all this way? Or did you pick up an extra-terrestrial pest? Thankfully, there's a way to find out: Since 2016, **DNA sequencing has been possible in space.**

DEFYING GRAVITY

It wasn't clear DNA sequencing would ever be possible at very low gravity. Until recently, the equipment was too heavy and fragile to use in space. Now, a sequencer weights less than 120 grams and its data can be crunched on a slim 12-inch tablet computer. **This opens a portal to all sorts of cool science:**

The genetic changes of plants and animals bred for experiments in space can be tracked over generations: No need to send samples to Earth.

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Sequencer size through the years

1977 - Small fridge

1996 - Desktop computer and printer

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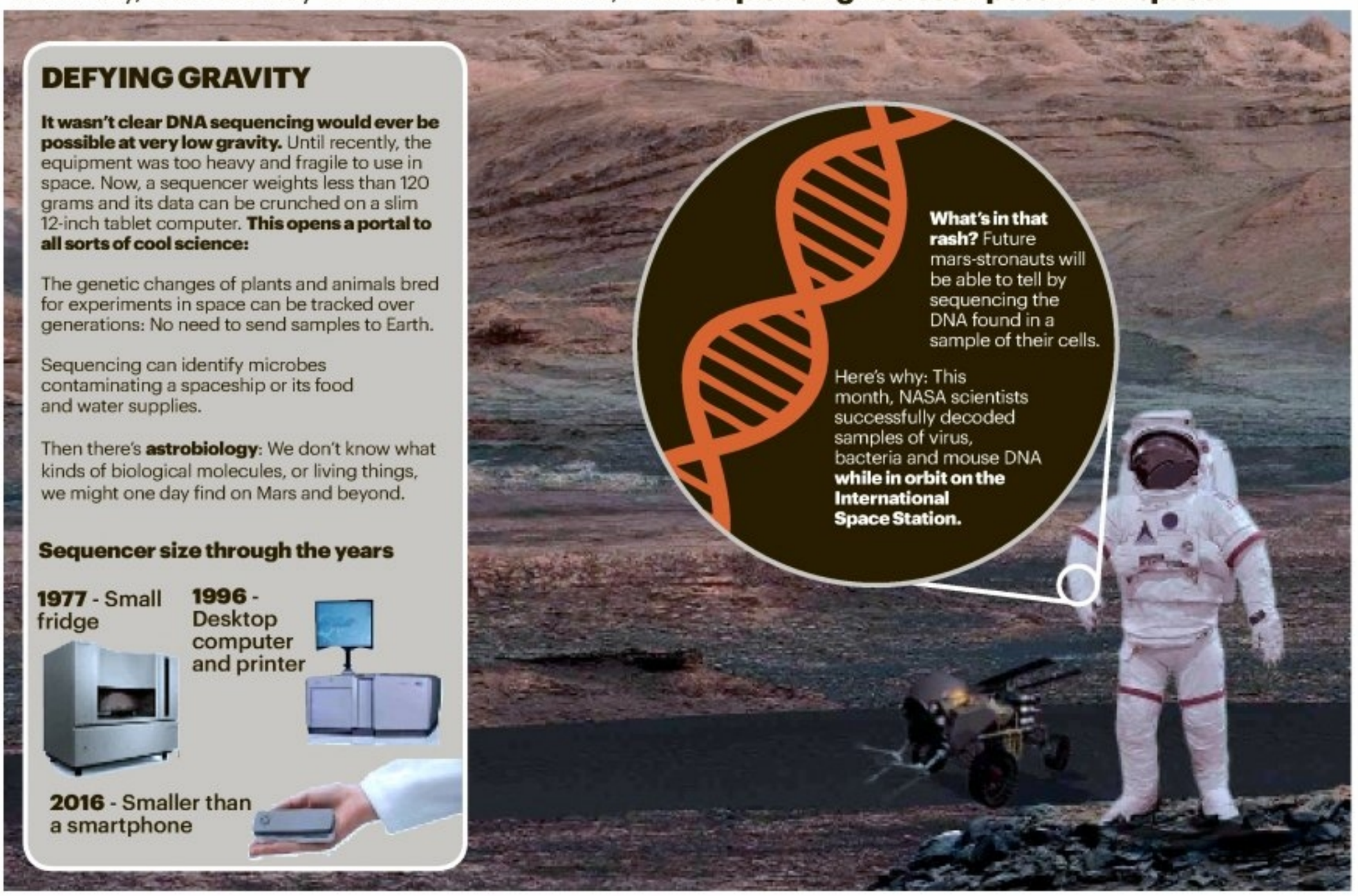

What's in that rash? Future mars-stronauts will be able to tell by sequencing the DNA found in a sample of their cells.

Here's why: This month, NASA scientists successfully decoded samples of virus, bacteria and mouse DNA **while in orbit on the International Space Station.**

FINDINGS
Your week in science

ISTOCK

REEF RELIEF
Things are getting better down where it's wetter, says the Australian government. Significant strides have been made to protect the Great Barrier Reef, including better water quality and lower-impact dredging — 29 of 151 conservation measures promised by 2020 are done.

BEES HAPPY
Insects, says a new study in the journal Science, have emotions, sort of. Honeybees fed sugar-water show more "motivation" to complete tasks because they're "hoping" for more sweets.

SOUND SMART

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DEFINITION
Etiopathogenesis is the cause and development of a disease or syndrome. It's a combination of **etiology** (cause) and **pathogenesis** (the chain of events in the body that leads to a certain disease).

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
The **etiopathogenesis** of Deborah's bad breath included a case of gum disease and colonization of her tongue with bacteria that produce sulphur compounds.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Dangerous or not? Deodorant edition

Does antiperspirant that contains aluminum cause Alzheimer's disease?
— Emina, Winnipeg

Man, this one has been going around for a while. I've always hoped it wasn't true, because I like my aluminum-containing antiperspirant and find that "natural" deodorants, well, stink.

Aluminum is eight per cent of the earth's crust. We're exposed to it through tap water, soil, food, dust in the air and in minor amounts in food packaging. Changing what you roll on your armpits won't change that.

Aluminum does have a relationship with Alzheimer's, but not the way you might think if you've been reading Naturalcosmeticsnews.com ("Deodorants contain a slew of toxic chemicals!") or Food Babe ("Throw this out of your cabinet immediately!").

Animals exposed to very high doses of aluminum develop an Alzheimer's-like syndrome, and Alzheimer's patients have higher-than-normal aluminum levels in their blood plasma and brains.

But neither scientific studies nor regulatory agencies have ever found evidence that typical levels of aluminum exposure increase the risk of Alzheimer's.

So what's up? For one thing, we absorb less than one per cent of the aluminum we're exposed to. One study found no neurobehavioural changes among welders exposed to fairly high levels of aluminum every day for four years. If the metal caused Alzheimer's, we'd expect to see symptoms increase as exposure increases. Not so.

Here's what might be going on, according to a 2013 article in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease: "The genetic component of AD apparently involves a susceptibility gene, yet to be identified, that increases aluminum absorption."

Aha. This brings us to an old standby of science truisms. Just because variables seem to be related, it doesn't mean they have a cause-and-effect relationship. Usually it's more complex.

Science question?
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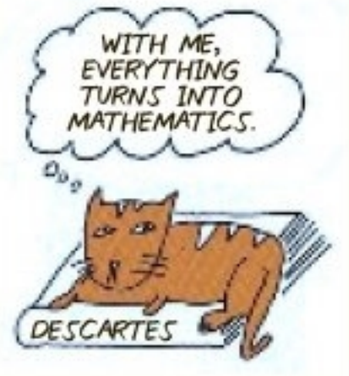

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Tatiana Maslany and Dane DeHaan play star-crossed lovers in the arctic in Two Lovers and a Bear. "She can't live without him and can't be with him," she tells Metro, of her character. CONTRIBUTED

Tatiana Maslany is on top of the world

TWO LOVERS AND A BEAR

Emmy winner's arctic-set film part thriller, part love story

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Just before Tatiana Maslany flew to Los Angeles to accept an Emmy Award for outstanding lead actress in a drama series for Orphan Black I asked her what she's been doing lately.

"I filmed the movie Stronger and since then I've been chillin' hard," she laughed.

The Regina-born actress may have taken some downtime over the summer, but that's likely the last time off she'll see for the foreseeable future. Right now she defines the term 'in demand,' enjoying the kind of popularity usually reserved for the very top of the A-list. Her Emmy win lit the internet on fire, earning millions of mentions that made her the most talked-about person on Facebook and Twitter that night. Currently she is shooting the last season of Orphan Black and has three movies set for release, including Stronger opposite Jake Gyllenhaal and next weekend's Two Lovers and a Bear.

The Nunavut-shot film focuses on star-crossed lovers Lucy and Roman, played by Dane DeHaan and a talking bear. Veteran actor Gordon Pinsent lent his kindly voice to the polar bear, but Maslany says she was scared of Agee, the full-size adult female who played the carnivorous title character.

"She can smell women and doesn't like them," Maslany said of the bear who stands over seven feet when on her hind legs.

Maslany doesn't want to discuss the movie's twists and turns. Instead she'd like audiences to enjoy the story the way she did when she was offered the part of Lucy.

"I didn't know what to expect at any moment when I read the script. It would flip from this very heavy romance to comedy and it sort of feels like sci-fi or a thriller at the end."

Maslany will say her character has "a restlessness to her spirit and a need to find some stillness and peace and a desperate love of Roman. She can't live without him and can't be with him."

Filmed over the course of six weeks on locations in Nunavut, the shoot for Two Lovers and a Bear was often unforgiving. "Our stills photographer lost chunks of his nose (due to the cold)," she says, but adds that shooting in the isolated location was invaluable to her performance.

"Just as having a real polar bear there," she says, "being in the actual environment is so much easier and telling and informing in terms of character and how you move through the world. You understand more about why Roman and Lucy are the way they are by being there and living in that kind of environment. You see how two people could need each other so desperately and be the only thing the other has."

"There are such vibrant youth there. It was really cool to be part of the community. I got to meet and be part of it and see their artwork. At the same time there are a lot of issues up there in terms of things from years back and systemic things. It has this bizarre duality to it."

"I loved it up there," she says. "I would go back in a heartbeat."

When Big Oil is watching you film

INTERVIEW

Peter Berg's woes making Deepwater Horizon

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Mark Wahlberg in Deepwater Horizon. CONTRIBUTED

There is one major obstacle when making a movie about the largest oil spill in human history — the giant conglomerate deemed largely responsible for the disaster.

"I never in my life had to deal with so many f—g lawyers," admitted filmmaker Peter Berg while promoting Deepwater Horizon at the Toronto International Film Festival — a drama that humanizes the explosion aboard the eponymous BP-leased offshore oil rig that eventually polluted over 1,000 miles (over 1,600 kilometres) of shoreline along the Gulf of Mexico.

"I've never felt like I better watch my back like I did with this film."

Indeed, even though Berg's movie "wasn't even attacking BP," his story about the survivors who escaped the fiery disaster still bristled with the oil company and caused many cryptic complications and cancelled contracts that stalled production.

"The flipside of that was because it was real, it was inspiring to me," said Berg.

The movie was also inspiring to Kurt Russell, who stars as the brave crew chief who helped lead all but 11 workers to safety during the tragedy.

"There's more at stake when you're playing somebody that existed," explained Russell whose own challenge included portraying Jimmy Harrell based on co-workers' recollections after failing to directly contact his cinematic alter-ego.

"I know that if someone was going to play me, I would've said 'why don't you call me on the phone?,'" said Russell.

"So if someday Jimmy Harrell says 'why didn't you call me' — I'll say, I tried!"

Of course, the marquee star of the film is Mark Wahlberg who has now made three movies with Berg (after other true-life thrillers Lone Survivor and the forthcoming Patriot's Day, about the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing).

Although the pair have clearly struck a chord, perhaps it's the mutual respect of telling true working-class stories that has forged their deepest bond.

"Mark and I have developed a real deep, deep friendship and we love working together," said Berg.

"For us, to have fun about something real gives me more inspiration, makes it easier to get up a 4:30 in the morning and work for 17 hours and do all this — because I know I've touched reality."

THE STARS SPEAK

On the portrayal of real people: "You have an obligation to capture at least the essence of that person," said Kurt Russell. "Right from the first script, it was apparent that this guy was a really decent man who was just trying to do the best that he could for his crew."

On navigating a legal minefield: ""The fact that we had to deal with lawyers made me feel like we were putting our hands on something real," said Peter Berg of the drama's scrutinized surveillance. "But that also means we had to have lawyers making sure we don't get too real."

Another onscreen ode to the world's misfit characters

INTERVIEW

Tim Burton has always been attracted to outsiders

Tim Burton's latest imagining is Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children.
CONTRIBUTED

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Visionary Tim Burton values his time alone.

One writer called the director of Pee Wee's Big Adventure, Beetlejuice, Batman, Edward Scissorhands and this weekend's Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children, "the most widely embraced loner in contemporary cinema."

"I always try to at least spend time, as much as I can everyday, staring out into space; staring out a window," Burton says.

"I find that sometimes you get the most ideas and the most feelings when you're not involved in things you have to do everyday."

Unsurprisingly, as a filmmaker, the characters he champions tend to echo his sensibility.

From warped Mad Hatter in his Alice in Wonderland to the grieving child in Frankenweenie who reanimated a dog's corpse, Burton's heroes are often misfits.

From his debut, Pee-Wee's Big Adventure, Burton has showcased people on the fringes of society.

In his next film, Burton breathed life into Beetlejuice's rancid lungs.

In the comedy Beetlejuice Michael Keaton plays a "bio-exorcist" with crazy hair and an attitude, hired by two ghosts to scare away the insufferable new owners of their old house.

"I think Beetlejuice shows the complete positive side of being misperceived and being categorized as something different," Burton says. "He can do whatever he wants! He's horrible and everybody knows it, so he's a complete fantasy of all of that."

Burton's two greatest misfits, his most intrepid folks on the outside looking in, are the offkilter Eds — Ed Wood and Edward Scissorhands.

Edward Scissorhands is the strange-but-sweet story of a man with scissors for hands. The first collaboration of Tim Burton and Johnny Depp, the movie is a funny, romantic and moving fantasy inspired by a sketch Burton created as a teenager.

"I felt very tortured as a teenager," says Burton. "That's where Edward Scissorhands came from. I was probably clinically depressed and didn't know it."

Ed Wood, played by Depp in the film of the same name, is the story of one of Hollywood's great outcasts. Wood wrote, produced and directed low-budget anticlassics like Plan 9 from Outer Space. Burton says he was a fan of Wood's films and was touched by how Wood "wrote about his films as if he was making Citizen Kane, you know, whereas other people perceived them as, like, the worst movies ever."

Burton links his best-known creations, labelling them as "semi-antisocial, (having) difficulty communicating or relating, slightly out of touch."

"I feel very close to those characters. I really do," he adds.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Deepwater Horizon ★★★
Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children ★★
Imperium ★★★
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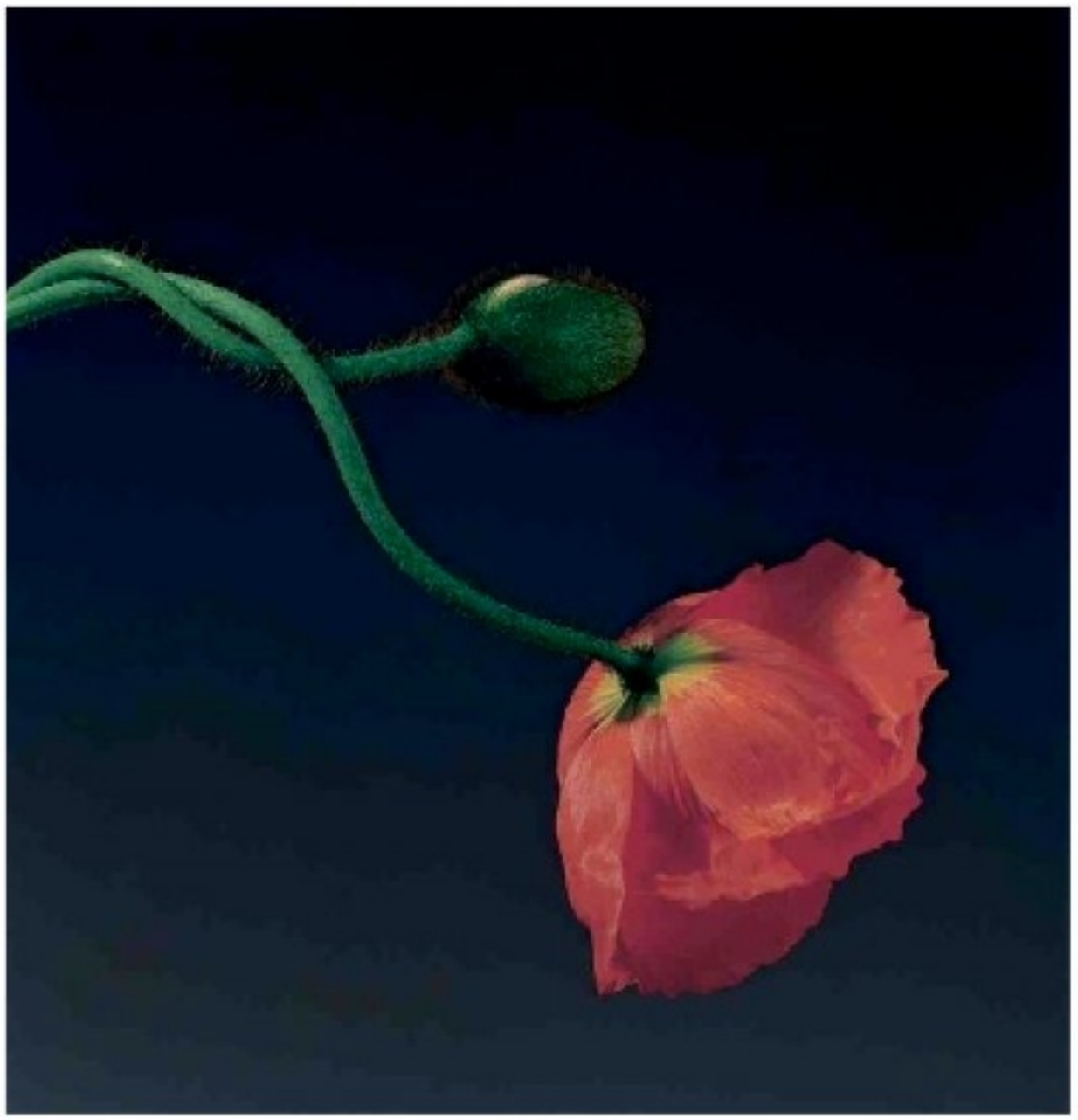

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Planning for Peru

FROM A GREAT HEIGHT
The altitude difference is extreme from North America to Peru. It gets as high as 14,000 feet in Cuzco, but drops to 8,000 in Machu Picchu and the surrounding area. Consult a doctor about altitude medication, or when you arrive in Peru, drink lots of water, eat lightly, avoid alcohol and don't exercise for at least the first 24 hours. Many hotels offer oxygen for those suffering from altitude sickness.

ISTOCK

According to our tour guide, the number one thing North Americans want to see in Peru is "what's next." While his joke speaks to the trouble some of us have in shaking off our strict agenda-focused mindset, Peru is one place where it is better to have an extremely detailed plan. **KATHY BUCKWORTH/FOR METRO**

My Type-A personality was pleased to have a day-by-day itinerary provided by the tour group taking us to Machu Picchu, particularly as we got caught in a farmer's strike.

While this necessitated last-minute changes, it would have been far more difficult to navigate without a blueprint.

Machu Picchu is one of the Seven Wonders of the World and 3,000 people pass through it daily, but getting there is not easy. The most direct route is to fly from Lima to Cuzco, take a bus to the village of Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley and then the train to Machu Picchu.

The train must be booked months in advance. The 90-minute journey is beautiful, through the base of the Andes Mountains. The village of Machu Picchu itself is a combination of shanty-type buildings, markets, pubs, upscale hotels and gourmet restaurants, with an occasional alpaca wandering by. Next, a 20-minute bus ride, up 1,000 vertical feet via a harrowing zig-zag road. One of the only other ways in is the Inca Trail, which takes four days to hike. We, like many others, just walked a mile to the Sun Gate, which provides a breathtaking view of the site.

Be aware that the locals do eat guinea pig, and as it is a delicacy, it is culturally polite to eat it.

What's next for me? Trying to recreate the national drink, the Pisco Sour, at home.

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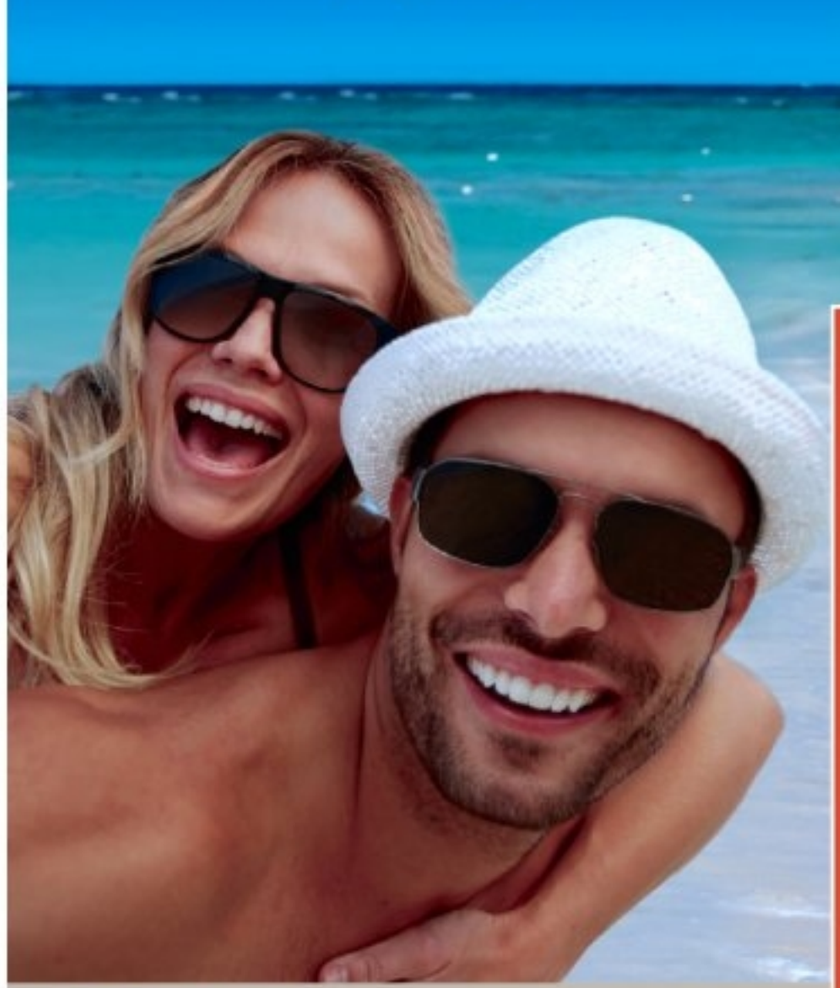

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4 AWESOME NEW ORLEANS EXPERIENCES (THAT ARE SHELLFISH-ALLERGY FRIENDLY)

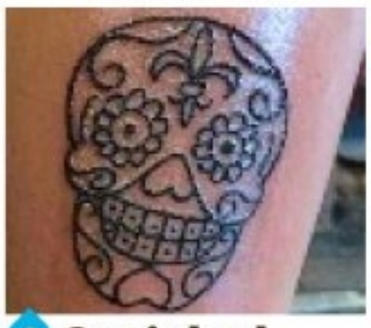
I've avoided New Orleans, figuring my shellfish allergy would spoil the food fun. But there's more to eat here than shrimp po boys and lots of things you can do to make your New Orleans experience your own. **JENNIFER BAIN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

1 Chow down on fried chicken

New Orleans Jazz Tours' Cheryl Teamer wanted to take me where the locals eat, so we headed to the Tremé neighbourhood to Dooky Chase's Restaurant for lunch. I feasted on made-to-order and achingly beautiful fried chicken. This art-filled spot, helmed by 93-year-old "Queen of Creole Cuisine" chef Leah Chase, has been around since 1941. **Details: dookychaserestaurant.com, jazztoursneworleans.com**

2 Connect with your dark side

The Museum of Death ("Where the Big Easy meets the Big Sleep") in the French Quarhas a grisly accident scene photo at the counter to prepare you for what's inside. There's the original Jack Kevorkian suicide machine, morgue and crime-scene photos, coffins, skulls, Manson Family photos and more. **Details: museumof-death.net**



3 Get inked near the French Quarter

Fleurs-de-lis have become a New Orleans symbol for post-Hurricane Katrina resilience. It seemed fitting to get them incorporated into the matching sugar skull tattoos my daughter suggested. We got inked as walk-ins at Downtown Tattoo on Frenchman St. in the Faubourg Marigny neighbourhood, just steps from the French Quarter. **Details: downtowntattoosnola.com**

4 Chill-out with Chewbacca

A grizzled Chewbacca greets you at Cochon Butcher (or just Butcher) and it's amazing how oddly hipster the Star Wars character looks in this butcher shop/sandwich counter/wine bar. Butcher is part of the Link Restaurant Group (helmed by executive chef/CEO Donald Link) and next to the fancier Cochon in the Warehouse/Arts District near the convention centre. Swoon over Buckboard Bacon Melt with collards, the Cochon Muffaletta and Le Pig Mac. Get your veggies with marinated Brussels sprouts and coleslaw. **Details: cochonbutcher.com**

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Tyronn Lue said he has discussed a position on the Cleveland Cavaliers coaching staff with recently retired power forward Kevin Garnett

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY CONTINENTAL CLASH AT ACC Team Europe's Jaroslav Halak stops a shot from Team Canada forward Corey Perry in the second period of Game 2 of the World Cup of Hockey final at the Air Canada Centre on Thursday. Go to metronews.ca for results from the game. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Orioles draw even

MLB

Jimenez one-hits Blue Jays to create wild-card stalemate

Ubaldo Jimenez dazzled through 6-2/3 innings as the Baltimore Orioles blanked the Toronto Blue Jays 4-0 on Thursday in a matchup between the top teams in the American League wild-card race.

Jimenez (8-12) allowed just one hit — to the first batter he faced — walked three and struck out five to help Baltimore pull even with the Blue Jays atop the AL wild-card standings with three games remaining on both teams' schedules.

Hyun Soo Kim and Matt Wieters drove in a run apiece on base hits and Manny Machado hit a sacrifice fly for the Orioles (87-72).

Marcus Stroman (9-10) allowed four runs on nine hits through seven-plus innings. The right-hander, who surpassed 200 innings on the season to become the only Blue Jays starter to reach that milestone this year, also struck out three and walked two.

Ezequiel Carrera, in the leadoff spot for a third straight night, had the Blue Jays' (87-72) only hit off Jimenez. Kevin Pillar added a single in the eighth and Edwin Encarnacion had a double in the ninth, both off reliever Brad Brach.

Toronto closes out the regular season with a three-game road series in Boston starting Friday. The Orioles play the Yankees in New York.

Detroit, which is 1-1/2 games back of Toronto and Baltimore, had its home game against Cleveland postponed due to rain earlier Thursday. The Tigers take on Atlanta this weekend before playing the make-up game against Cleveland on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jose Bautista, in what could have been his last home game in a Toronto uniform, was 0-for-4 with three strikeouts on Thursday. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

THURSDAY In Toronto

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IN NEW YORK ORTIZ BIDS FAREWELL TO BRONX Playing in the Bronx one last time, Boston Red Sox star David Ortiz was given a 30-second standing ovation at Yankee Stadium instead of the usual boos on Thursday night. The Yankees won 5-1. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Matthews-less Leafs fall to Sabres in St. Catharines

Matt Moulson scored the only goal in a shootout as the Buffalo Sabres defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 1-0 in pre-season play at the Meridian Centre in St. Catharines.

There was no Auston Matthews on the ice. Toronto's first-overall draft pick is expected to make his debut on Friday in Buffalo.

Buffalo's Jack Eichel, last year's second-overall pick behind Connor McDavid, also did not dress.

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Argos' Willy leaves practice

Drew Willy had his starting status for the Argonauts' game in Montreal Sunday — his first start since being traded to Toronto on Sept. 11 — thrown up in the air when he was hurt near the halfway point of Thursday's practice.

He walked with a team trainer to the locker-room, showing no obvious signs of discomfort. At the doorstep to the room, he did two slow throwing motions with the trainer and then disappeared for the rest of the day.

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U.S. legends salute Kap

RACE RELATIONS

Olympians behind famed protest laud new stand

Tommie Smith and John Carlos were proud to raise their gloved fists in a symbolic protest at the Olympics, and now they're proud that Colin Kaepernick and other athletes are staging protests to raise awareness about racial inequality and police brutality.

The U.S. sprinters who were sent home from the 1968 Mexico City Olympics for what they called a "human-rights salute" say the San Francisco 49ers quarterback and others are right to use their platform to attempt to affect social change.

"Don't hate the kid because he stood up for something to change," said Smith, who won the gold medal and set a world record in the 200 metres in 1968. "He stood up for the right to exercise Amendment 1."

Speaking Wednesday at the Team USA Awards in Washington, the first U.S. Olympic Committee event they've been invited to since their protest, Smith says he's backing Kaepernick because his protest is proactive and Carlos says there's no better platform than sports to stand up for something.

"Protest is a good thing because you're trying to expose certain things," said Carlos, who won the bronze in the 200.

"Then, when you sit back and say, 'Well, I don't know whether it's the right place to make a statement here or there.' In any protest, I think you make a statement to try and reach the far ends of the earth. What better way to do it than if you're in a sport."

Last week, Nebraska football players Michael Rose-Ivey, Mohamed Barry and DaiShon Neal kneeled during the anthem before a game at Northwestern, drawing criticism from Nebraska's governor. Rose-Ivey is expected to meet with the governor to discuss the issue next week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECOGNITION

It has taken almost half a century for the USOC to welcome Smith and Carlos back into the fold after being outcast for breaking the rules.

Tommie Smith's and John Carlos' "human-rights salute" at the 1968 Mexico Games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

ACC title lands in Orlando

The ACC is moving its Dec. 3 football championship to Orlando.

The conference made the announcement Thursday.

Orlando emerged as a location after the ACC joined other leagues in pulling out of North Carolina amid backlash over controversial state House Bill 2 requiring transgender people to use restrooms at schools and government buildings corresponding to the sex on their birth certificates. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bills uncertain about Watkins' status vs. Pats

Buffalo Bills coach Rex Ryan isn't yet ready to rule out Sammy Watkins from playing at New England on Sunday after the receiver missed his second straight practice on Thursday because of a sore left foot.

Watkins was inactive for the Bills' game last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rooney's presence on pitch pays off immediately

Wayne Rooney finally made a difference for Manchester United this season, setting up Zlatan Ibrahimovic's goal two minutes after being summoned off the bench to help them beat Ukraine's Zorya Luhansk 1-0 in the Europa League on Thursday.

Inter Milan fell 3-1 at Sparta Prague, while Russian side Krasnodar defeated Nice 5-2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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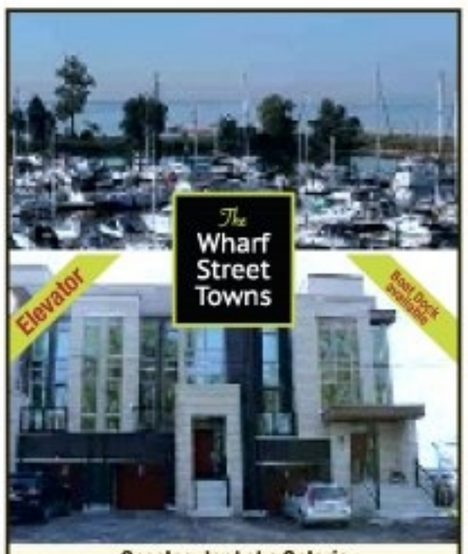

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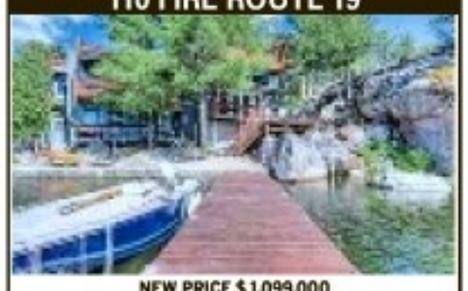

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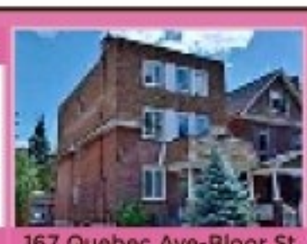

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RECIPE Tuscan Chicken Skillet Dinner

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

You could add a salad on the side of this irresistible dinner or embrace its all-in-one-ness.

Ready in 45 minutes
Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 15
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 lb chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1/4 tsp oregano
- 1/4 tsp thyme
- 1 1/2 cups mushrooms, sliced
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup sun dried tomatoes
- 14 oz can cannellini beans, drained
- 19 oz can tomatoes
- 1/4 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp sugar

Directions
1. Pour oil into a large skillet and warm to medium heat. Brown chicken. You may have to work in batches. Remove from pan and set aside. Drain all but about 1 or 2 Tbsp of fat.
2. Add mushrooms, oregano and thyme and allow mushrooms to become soft and brown. Remove from pan and set aside.
3. Add onion and garlic and cook 3 minutes until they're soft and fragrant. Add sugar, sun-dried tomatoes, canned tomatoes and beans. Simmer 5 minutes, breaking up tomatoes with spoon.
4. Gently tip in the chicken and mushrooms and simmer for another 10 minutes, until the meat is cooked through.

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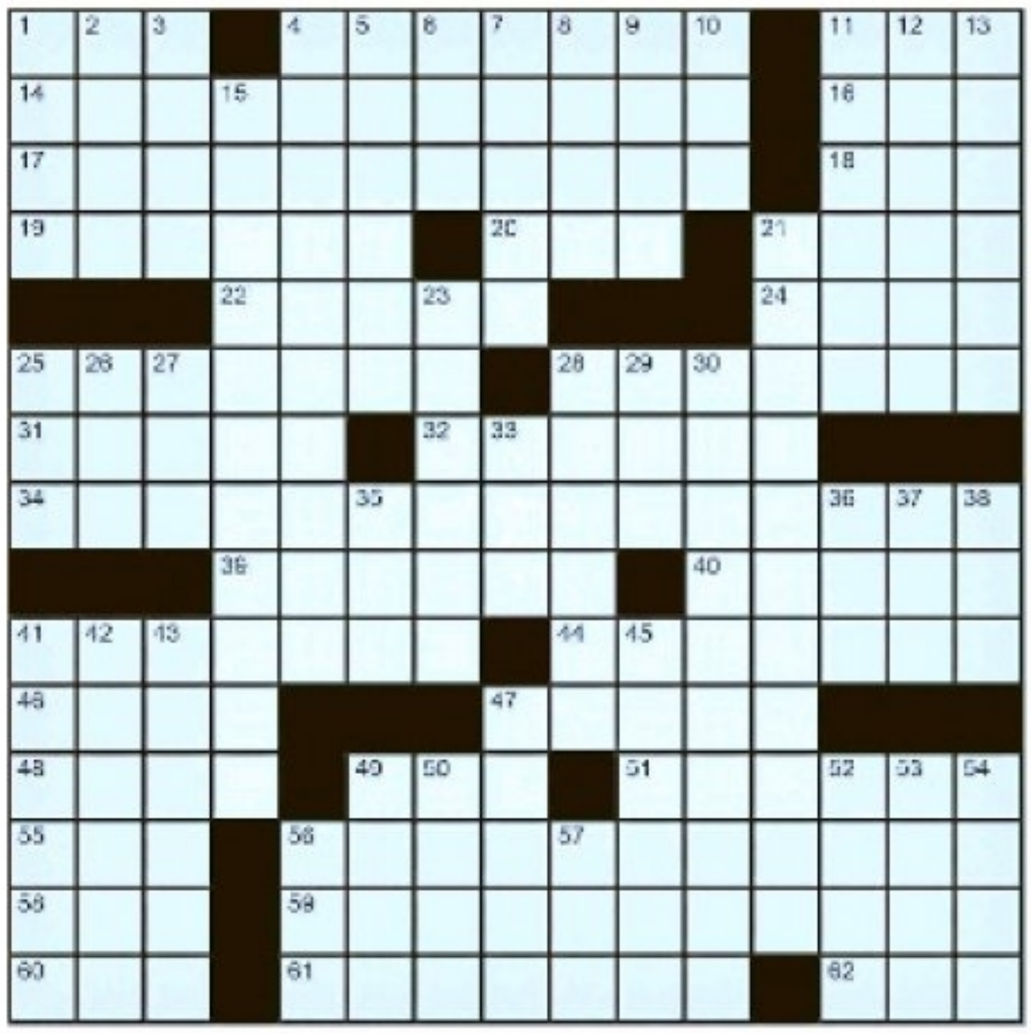

ACROSS
1. Texter's "That reminds me..."
4. Notion
11. Nfld.'s water
14. Knee-of-a-pair-of-psychedelic jeans embellishment: 2 wds.
16. "Rob _" (1995)
17. Learn to play guitar: 2 wds.
18. Tiny type
19. Cannes 'century'
20. Antacid brand
21. NY Mets ballpark, _ Field
22. Showbiz performer Martha's
24. Hic, _, hoc
25. Flew the plane
28. Exercise system
31. Familiar reply to "Who's there?": 2 wds.
32. Ashes/lava ejecting volcano
34. Bit of Rush's "In the Mood": "Hey baby, it's _ _ _ _."
39. Hammering human
40. Legendary actor Peter
41. Bodybuilder's bulgees
44. Country in Africa
46. Formerly
47. "Get _ _!"
48. Back
49. Gibraltar, e.g.
51. Teeter-totter
55. Slammer's sound!
56. Duds displayer: 2 wds.
58. AOL, e.g.
59. Canadian daily newspaper since 1892: 2 wds.
60. Agnus _ (Mass prayer)
61. Used a crate for a better view: 2 wds.
62. Slowly slurp

DOWN
1. Pieces
2. Mr. Byers of "Empire"
3. Stirred
4. Arnold Schwarzenegger's "_ Damage" (2002)
5. How to put in contact lenses, _ _ at a time
6. Initials-sharers of Rush's drummer (More at #13-Down!)
7. Instances
8. Shirt collar type
9. Computer complaint, "My _ _ _ longer works."
10. Ordinal suffixes
11. Nunavut hamlet on Hudson Bay
12. Precisely: 3 wds.
13. #6-Down wrote the what for #15-Down?
15. "The _" - 'A Short Story by Rush' that goes... "As grey traces of dawn tinge the eastern sky, the three travelers, men of Willow Dale, emerge from the forest shadow."
21. Ancient drivers
23. Henry Ford's son's cars
25. Ms. Zadora
26. "What's the alphabet's 17th letter?" A. "I believe they call _ '_'."
27. Baton Rouge sch.
28. Seabird sort
29. _ Jima
30. New park in the Willowdale neighbourhood of Toronto named in honour of the two members of Rush who grew up there, _ _ Art Park
33. Grand-_, Nova Scotia
35. Bond
36. Dog's warning...
37. Charlemagne's li'l domain
38. Tetley drink
41. Ghoulish
42. Anxiety
43. Shrimp serving
45. _ _ the occasion
47. 1977: _-Detoo
49. Schedule opening
50. Lawn mower maker
52. U.S. pre-coll. exams
53. Amazon berry
54. Venus Flytrap's station
56. Belonging to Hartford's li'l state
57. Wee glove insertee

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is an excellent day to enjoy the company of others. Dealings with friends, partners and members of the general public will be enjoyable.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Work-related travel is likely today. Try to do whatever you do can to improve your job prospects because you have such a positive attitude.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
It's Friday and it's a fun day! Make plans to meet friends for lunch or after work. Enjoy sports events, social occasions and playful activities with children.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Discussions with a parent or a family member will be positive today because domestic peace and happiness are important to you right now. This is a good day for real estate discussions.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Believe in the power of positive thinking because it cannot be underestimated. Notice how your optimism attracts others to you today.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is an excellent day for business and commerce. Look for ways to make a profit, because they exist, especially with foreign interests.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today the Moon is lined up with Jupiter in your sign, which is why you feel so positive. You also feel generous to others because you are confident. You know, deep down, that you get what you give.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today you might be concerned with the deeper aspects of life, especially in terms of spiritual insights. It's easier to think with your heart rather than your mind.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today you will enjoy the company of others, especially in groups. It's a perfect time to share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Bosses, parents and people in authority are impressed with you today. In turn, you will be pleased to get their endorsement!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is the perfect day to make future travel plans because you are not afraid to think big. Likewise, future plans about higher education, training, publishing and the media are exciting.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a good day to discuss inheritances and shared property because you will come out smelling like a rose. Things will tend to go your way, which is a good thing.

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